

**Minutes of the 41 Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society held at 17:45 hours on Tuesday 12 December 2013 in the ICC, Excel East, London.**

In attendance: **65**

1. Minutes of the 40th Annual Members' Meeting held on 26 May 2011 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**2. President's Report**

Dr Winter thanked the membership for their continued support and how pleased he was to be handing over his interim Presidency to Professor Mark Bellamy.

**3. Honorary Secretary's Report**

Dr Harper presented her report.

**i. Elections to Council**

There were no votes as the number of nominees matched the number of candidates. Therefore re-elected for a second term were Dr Stephen Brett and Dr Tim Gould, with Dr Zhahid Khan and Dr Gary Masterson newly elected.

**ii. Nominations for Honorary Membership**

The following were awarded Honorary Membership: Dr Bernard Riley, Dr Bruce Taylor and Dr David Treacher

**iii. Membership**

Membership stood at 3,170 an overall increase in membership. The breakdown being: Consultant grade 1,708, Trainees 977, Nurse & Allied Health Care Professionals 402 and Retired, Honorary and Distinguished 63.

**iv. Officers**

President:	Professor Mark Bellamy
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Jane Harper
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Jonathan Goodall
Vice President:	Dr Kevin Gunning

**v. Future Strategy**

The Society's vision was outlined.

- to care for the sickest patients,
- to support their families,
- to become multi professional,
- to be the voice of UK intensive care,
- to be the primary providers for intensive care education,
- to equip members for revalidation and to lead in quality, education and research in intensive care.

The strategy review started in January as a workshop, continued at the Away Day in February and the 2013 Away Day will continue the process of review and change.

The achievements noted include:

JICS - transition to an internationally recognised scientific journal.

Education and Training – continue to build the profile of State of the Art, seminars, workshops and CPD focus.

Research and the Foundation – member funding of the Young Investigator Awards.

Industry Partnerships – continuing to work together.

Standards, Safety & Quality – collaborative working with the Faculty and development of a portfolio of publications.

Membership – a proposed new constitution to give Nurses, Allied Healthcare Professionals a full contribution to the Society.

New & Integrated Website / Database – to enhance the membership experience and provide a better service.

The next steps were outlined:

JICS – to aim for PubMed recognition and increase original articles.

Education & Training – to increase the portfolio for all member grades.

Membership – deliver the new database and website to improve services.

Representation – raise the profile of the Society with a new Communications Strategy for the Society and the Foundation.

#### 4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dr Goodall outlined the financial strategy. This was to ensure annual subscriptions covered operating and membership costs, to ensure meetings and seminars broke even with industry support, fundraising through the Foundation for research awards and clinical trials research, and to encourage member donations via Gift Aid.

The Foundation had funded 3 Young Investigator Awards at £38,000 supported by member donations. A new clinical trial had been awarded £50,000.

Subscription income was down in 2012 and industry changes resulted in less money for the Society. There was a major project spend to renew the membership database and website, which would provide a better service for members.

The Foundation fundraising requires a higher profile and more support, with members continuing to be invited to contribute to the Young Investigator Awards.

Membership Subscriptions 2013

Members were informed of the current fees would remained unchanged.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2013

Category	Total years of membership	Discount (%)	Rate
Ordinary member	In year 2 + of membership		£220.00
	In 1st year of membership	50	£110.00
SAS doctor (sub category of Ordinary member)	In years 2+ of membership		£150.00
	In year 1 of membership	50	£75.00
Trainee member	In years 5 – 7 of membership (or extended upon application for extension)		£150.00
	In years 2 – 4 of membership	30	£105.00
	In year 1 of membership	50	£75.00
Nurse member	In years 2 + of membership		£50.00
	In year 1 of membership	50	£25.00
Allied Healthcare Professional member	In years 2+ of membership		£50.00
	In year 1 of membership	50	£25.00
Student Member	In years 1 – 3 of membership	na	£25.00
Overseas member		na	£85.00
Retired member		na	£65.00

Note: For members who resign and rejoin, previous membership years will be taken into account in calculating subscription discount.

Members were asked to increase their donations at no cost to them by signing up to Gift Aid.

**5. Trainee Committee Report**

Dr Buckley gave his report.

There were over 900 Trainee members with Drs Nick Bunker, Chris Booth and Matt O'Meera (co opted) demitting office. Newly elected Committee members were Dr Matt O'Meera, , Graham Barker and Dr Nishkantha Arulkumaran. Dr Hugo Buckley had taken over as Chair from Dr Booth who he thanked.

The Trainees continued as a proactive committee with successes including two career days, the linkman scheme running in all regions, prize sessions at State of the Art, while actively promoting social media and continuing work with associated organisations.

**6. Nurse & Allied Healthcare Professionals**

Ms Bolton confirmed her committee members as Lorraine Burgess, Craig Brown, Emma Graham Clarke, Rachel Binks and Hannah Reay.

The committee saw its duties to promote the views of the N&AHP membership on Council, to support the proposed constitutional changes, to promote membership, to promote the research activities their member groups and to ensure the State of the Art programme included N&AHP sessions, publication of articles in JICS and the research grant awards.

**7. Intensive Care Foundation and Co-Directors of Research Report**

Dr Brett identified current members of the Foundation team, consisting of Danny McAuley, Gavin Perkins, Tony Gordon, Hannah Reay, Giles Morgan, Paul Lawler, Saxon Ridley and Francis Wirgman. The challenges to be addressed included funding and fundraising and scientific activity. Funding comes from the industry partnership scheme, member and patient / family donations and a number of fundraising activities promoted by the Fundraising Committee. The monies had contributed to the Young Investigator Award of £15,000 each, Trial Awards £50,000, and, a potential new nurse/AHP award. The launch of the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Project was an exciting opportunity for the Foundation.

A number of projects were building the Foundation's success, including Tracman, VACS/Vanish, OSCAR, SUDDicu, ICON, ICAN UK and Electrical Simulation, together with the Young Investigator Awards.

**8. Industry Partnership Scheme**

The Society had 34 industry partners. Dr Wyncoll thanked industry for their ongoing support, without which the success of the State of the Art and the research funding would be jeopardised, and encouraged members to visit their exhibition stands.

**9. Linkman**

Dr Goodall reported that the Society's Linkman scheme continued to grow with mutual interaction between the Linkman, Council and members. Anyone who was interested in becoming a Linkman where one was lacking in their hospital or Trust was encouraged to put themselves forward. There would be a Linkman Meeting at Churchill House early in 2013 with the aim for an interactive session.

**10. Open Forum for all Members to raise questions (members are invited to submit questions in advance of the AMM to [Pauline@ics.ac.uk](mailto:Pauline@ics.ac.uk))**

There were no questions posed.

**11. President's concluding address**

Professor Bellamy thanked the membership for attending and advised there would be a short interlude before the start of the Annual General Meeting.

The next Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society will take place in December 2013.

Date, venue and time to be confirmed.